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DD/P 4-9986

22 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contracts Branch, DPD-DD/P
THROUGH : AC/DPD-DD/P *jac*
SUBJECT : Approval Status of DPD FY-1960 Activities
REFERENCE : Memorandum for AC/DPD from C/Contracts
Branch, DPD dated 11 Dec 59, Subj: Contracting
Officer Delegation of Authority (DPD-8460-59)

1. I received a copy of the referenced memorandum and noted the attached statement of the approval status of DPD operational and activity programs. This seemed to me to contain one minor discrepancy which I wish to correct and to require a modification of an earlier action of mine.

2. The programs listed as approved in the reference are all in accord with my understanding. The reference lists, however, as "not mentioned" CHALICE Administration. I would call your attention to the DPD Operational Program for FY-1960 (DD/P 4-9575 dated 30 November 1959) which groups CHALICE Administration with CHALICE Operations. Accordingly, CHALICE Administration is a fully approved Activity Program.

3. Also listed as "not mentioned" is a "Section" entitled Air Operations Development. This I am unable to identify unless it is the Activity Program elsewhere referred to as "Air Section Development." Again, reference to the DPD Operational Program will make clear that Air Section Development was included in the Air Section total as an Activity Program approved by that document. Accordingly, this, too, is a formally approved Activity Program. Nevertheless, I wish to call your attention most firmly to an earlier instruction of mine to the effect that no commitments should be made nor funds obligated in the Air Section Development Program without my further approval. The reason for this restriction is that the items included in this Program were far from firm when it was made up, and I wish to be sure that, in view of the new demands that have materialized (for instance in connection with [REDACTED] operations), none

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of these funds are used for any but the highest priority purposes.

4. In the light of the above, the following is the only business that remains outstanding according to my records.

(a) CHALICE Development - Activity Program received by DD/P, since returned to DPD.

(b) CORONA - Activity Program received by DD/P.

25X1A2d1 (c) [REDACTED] Operational Phase - Activity Program not yet submitted.

(d) C-120B's - Activity Program not yet submitted.

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